



City of Huntington Beach Planning Department  
**STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Scott Hess, AICP, Director of Planning  
**BY:** Rosemary Medel, Associate Planner *PM*  
**DATE:** August 25, 2009

**SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 09-004 (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/10)**

**APPLICANT:** City of Huntington Beach Public Works Department (Linda Daily), 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**LOCATION:** Citywide

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**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

- ♦ General Plan Conformance No. 09-004 request:
  - Evaluate Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2009/10 for compliance with the General Plan.
- ♦ Staff's Recommendation: Approve General Plan Conformance No. 09-004 based upon the following:
  - The proposed projects conform to the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion to:

"Adopt Resolution No. 1633, approving General Plan Conformance No. 09-004 with findings (Attachment Nos. 1 and 2)."

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

The Planning Commission may take alternative actions such as:

"Deny General Plan Conformance No. 09-004 with findings for denial."

## **PROJECT PROPOSAL:**

General Plan Conformance No. 09-004 represents a request, pursuant to Section 65401 of the California Government Code, by the City of Huntington Beach to determine if the 2009/10 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is in conformance with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan. The 2009/10 CIP is a list of proposed projects recommended for planning, initiation, or construction during the next fiscal year.

## **ISSUES:**

### **General Plan Conformance:**

The only issue to consider as part of this request is the proposed CIP for fiscal year 2009/10 and its conformance to the City's General Plan. The CIP conforms to the following goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan:

## **I. FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

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### **A. Planned Projects:**

1. Central Park Restrooms ADA Improvements  
*Modify six restroom buildings to offer greater level of ADA accessibility. Per the citywide ADA Assessment Report*
2. Energy Efficiency Improvements  
*Improve energy efficiency of city buildings and infrastructure with HVAC, controls, lighting improvements, and irrigation equipment. First year focus on Civic Center, Central Library and community centers. Upgrade information management systems for better efficiency.*
3. Oakview Community Center ADA improvements  
*Modifications to crosswalks, ramps, doors, restrooms, and signage to meet current accessibility standards. Per the citywide ADA Assessment Report.*

### **B. General Plan Policies:**

**LU 13.1.1** *Allow for the continuation of existing public and private institutional, cultural, educational, and health uses at their present locations and development of new uses in areas designated on the Land Use Plan Map in accordance with Policy 7.1.1.*

**PF 6.1.3** *Maintain or improve the governmental facilities and services in order to meet the adopted levels of service and standards established in the Growth Management Element.*

## **II. PARKS AND BEACHES**

### **A. Planned Projects:**

1. Shipley Nature Center Restroom  
*Install one modular restroom unit at Shipley Nature Center to provided ADA accessible facilities for all visitors.*
2. Sports Complex Restroom  
*Install one modular restroom unit at the Central Park Sports Complex to provided ADA accessible facilities for all visitors.*

### **B. General Plan Policies:**

**RCS 3.1.1** *Design neighborhood park features and facilities that are responsive to the recreational preferences expressed by the park users and local neighborhood residents.*

**RCS 4.1** *Improve and modernize existing parks and facilities to overcome existing design deficiencies and deteriorated conditions.*

## **III. STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS**

### **A. Planned Projects**

1. Arterial Rehabilitation  
*Slater Avenue from Graham Street to Goldenwest Street; design of additional segments*

### **B. General Plan Policies:**

**CE 1.2.1** *Enhance circulation system standards for roadway and intersection classifications, right-of-way width, pavement width, design speed, capacity and associated features such as medians and bicycle lanes.*

**CE 2.1.3** *Identify and improve roadways and intersections that are approaching, or have reached, unacceptable levels of service.*

**CE 6.1.10** *Implement appropriate traffic devices and operational programs throughout the community to ensure that conflicts between pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles are minimized and safety enhanced.*

## **IV WATER IMPROVEMENTS**

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### **A. Planned Projects:**

#### **1. Irrigation Improvements**

*Upgrade of irrigation systems throughout the city for water and energy savings*

### **B. General Plan Policies:**

**U 1.1.1** *Monitor the demands on the water system, manage the development to mitigate impacts and/or facilitate improvements to the water supply and distribution system, and maintain and expand water supply and distribution facilities.*

**U 1.1.3** *Continue to evaluate the adequacy of the water supply and distribution system.*

**Zoning Compliance:** Not applicable.

**Urban Design Guidelines Conformance:** Not applicable.

### **Environmental Status:**

The General Plan conformance review is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15306, Class 6 of the California Environmental Quality Act, which states that information collection which does not result in major disturbance to an environmental resource is exempt from any environmental review.

**Coastal Status:** Not applicable.

**Redevelopment Status:** Not applicable.

**Design Review Board:** Not applicable.

**Subdivision Committee:** Not applicable.

### **Other Departments Concerns and Requirements:**

The Public Works Department, acting as applicant for General Plan Conformance No. 2009-004, has reviewed and is processing the Capital Improvements Program request through the City Council.

**Public Notification:**

General Plan Conformances are non-public hearing items and do not require legal notification.

**Application Processing Dates:**

**DATE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION:**

July 27, 2009

**MANDATORY PROCESSING DATE(S):**

September 4, 2009 (within 40 days of submittal)

**ANALYSIS:**

The Government Code of the State of California, Section 65401, requires that a local planning agency review a list of proposed projects recommended for planning, initiation, or construction during the ensuing fiscal year for conformance with the local General Plan. This list of proposed projects is contained in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Public Works Department has submitted a CIP for fiscal year 2009/10. The role of the Planning Commission in reviewing a CIP is to ensure the conformity of each project with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan. The benefits and funding source for individual projects listed in the CIP will then be reviewed and approved by the City Council.

Staff has identified goals, objectives, and policies that are applicable to the CIP in the General Plan Conformance section of this staff report. Because the proposed projects further the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan, staff recommends the Planning Commission approve General Plan Conformance No. 09-004 finding that the proposed CIP is in conformance with the General Plan.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Suggested Findings of Approval – GPC No. 09-004
2. Planning Commission Resolution No. 1633  
Exhibit A - Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2009/10.

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## **ATTACHMENT NO. 1**

### **SUGGESTED FINDINGS OF APPROVAL**

#### **GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 09-004**

#### **SUGGESTED FINDINGS FOR PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM CEQA:**

The Planning Commission finds that the proposed project will not have any significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines because the project involves information collection which does not result in major disturbance to an environmental resource.

#### **SUGGESTED FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL – GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO.09-004:**

1. The 2009/10 Capital Improvement Program conforms to the following goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan:

#### **I. FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

##### **A. Land Use Element:**

*LU 13.1.1 Allow for the continuation of existing public and private institutional, cultural, educational, and health uses at their present locations and development of new uses in areas designated on the Land Use Plan Map in accordance with Policy 7.1.1.*

##### **B. Public Facilities and Public Services Element:**

*PF 6.1.3 Maintain or improve the governmental facilities and services in order to meet the adopted levels of service and standards established in the Growth Management Element.*

Capital Improvement projects proposed for fiscal year 2009/10 provide necessary maintenance, improvement and modifications that support the continued use of various city facilities.

#### **II. PARKS AND BEACHES**

##### **Recreation and Community Services Element:**

*RCS 3.1.1 Design neighborhood park features and facilities that are responsive to the recreational preferences expressed by the park users and local neighborhood residents.*

*RCS 4.1 Improve and modernize existing parks and facilities to overcome existing design deficiencies and deteriorated conditions.*

**ATTACHMENT NO. ~~1.1~~**

The improvements to these existing recreational facilities as part of the Capital Improvement Program will ensure that these facilities continue to accommodate the services needs of visitors.

### III. STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

#### Circulation Element:

*CE 1.2.1 Enhance circulation system standards for roadway and intersection classifications, right-of-way width, pavement width, design speed, capacity and associated features such as medians and bicycle lanes.*

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*CE 6.1.10 Implement appropriate traffic devices and operational programs throughout the community to ensure that conflicts between pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles are minimized and safety enhanced.*

Capital improvements maintain an integral circulation infrastructure, thereby allowing movement of people and goods throughout the community. Needed improvements to the traffic system ensures that there is minimal conflict between pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles.

### IV. WATER IMPROVEMENTS

#### Utilities Element:

*U 1.1.1 Monitor the demands on the water system, manage the development to mitigate impacts and/or facilitate improvements to the water supply and distribution system, and maintain and expand water supply and distribution facilities.*

*U 1.1.3 Continue to evaluate the adequacy of the water supply and distribution system.*

Capital improvements which address the monitoring of the existing water system ensures that the water supply system is able to accommodate future development within the City and maintains or expands the City's water supply.

ATTACHMENT NO. 1.2

**RESOLUTION NO. 1633**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH FINDING THE CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010  
IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES,  
AND POLICIES OF THE GENERAL PLAN  
(GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 09-004)**

**WHEREAS**, the Government Code of the State of California, Section 65401, provides that a local planning agency review a list of the proposed public works projects recommended for planning, initiation, or construction during the ensuing fiscal year as to conformity with the local general plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works has submitted a coordinated list of all capital projects recommended by City departments for the ensuing fiscal year in the form of a Capital Improvement Projects List for Fiscal Year 2009/2010; and

**WHEREAS**, staff has reviewed a description of the capital improvement projects and submitted it to the Planning Commission for review on August 25, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, staff has indicated applicable General Plan goals, objectives, and policies for each project included in the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Capital Improvements Program to establish conformance with the General Plan (Exhibit A).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Planning Commission of the City of Huntington Beach finds the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 in conformance with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Planning Commission of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting held on the twenty fifth day of August 2009, by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ATTEST:**

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Scott Hess, Secretary

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Planning Commission Chairperson



## EXHIBIT A

### PLANNED PROJECTS AND GENERAL PLAN POLICIES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 2009/2010 (GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 09-004)

The following is a list of planned projects for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The list is divided into categories by subject. Below each project group is a listing of the relative General Plan policies.

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